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ADDIS ABABA AND DAKAR FOR REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHES

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN LABOR DELEGATION VISITS NIGERIA

REF: (A) STATE 18709 (NOTAL), (B) TRIPOLI 131 (NOTAL), (C) ACCRA 784 (NOTAL)

1. THREE MAN DELEGATION OF LIBYAN GENERAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONISTS LED BY ALHAJI M. GARBAA ARRIVED IN LAGOS MARCH 2 AFTER VISITS TO MALI, LIBERIA AND IVORY COAST. ACCORDING TO FMG PRESS RELEASE, LIBYANS' MISSION IS TO PREPARE FOR SECOND ALL AFRICAN TRADE UNIONISTS MEETING TO BE HELD IN TRIPOLI "SOMETIME THIS YEAR." DELEGATION LEADER GARBAA REPORTEDLY SAID ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WAY FOR NIGERIAN TRADE UNION LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS TO VISIT HIS COUNTRY. GROUP MET WITH LABOUR COMMISSIONER ADEFOPE

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WHO TERMED OBJECT OF VISIT AS "LAUDABLE" AND WISHED DELEGATION SUCCESS.

2. COMMENT. GARBAA DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE ONE OF FOUR LIBYAN
TRADE UNION GROUPS DISPATCHED EARLY FEBRUARY TO TOUR AFRICAN
COUNTRIES IN ORDER DRUM UP ATTENDANCE FOR OATUU CONGRESS IN
TRIPOLI LATE IN APRIL (REFTELS B AND C). FACT THAT FMG
SAW FIT TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE ON DELEGATIONS'S VISIT AND
TENOR OF RELEASE ITESSEL INDICATES GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY
SUPPORTS NIGERIAN UNION LEADERS' PARTICIPATION SUCH MEETING.
THAT NOT SURPRISING SINCE NEW FMG LABOR POLICY, ANNOUNCED
IN EARLY DECEMBER 1975, FORMALLY CHANNELS ALL NIGERIAN TRADE
UNION PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR ACTIVITIES INTO
OATUU AND ILO COURSES. WE DO NOT YET HAVE NIGERIAN LABOUR
CONGRESS REACTION TO LIBYAN INVITATION BUT WE PRESUME NLC
LEADERS WOULD WILLINGLY GO TO CONFERENCE WHEREVER AND WHENEVER
"EARLY MARCH" OATUU GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING (REFTEL C) DECIDES
IS BEST.
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